



The Fort Leonard Equal Opportunity Program News

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Military EO information

We thank everyone for their support over the past year. It has been a pleasure working with you and your organizations, and we wish everyone the Happiest of Holidays and the best of luck in the new year. All the best to you



Civilian EEO information

Dear Ms Mille,

Isn't it okay to use the term "handicapped?" I don't see anything wrong with using it; people have been saying "handicapped" for years. Since 1504, in fact.



Signed, Curious

Dear Curious

As the story goes, it was in 1504 after the brutal wars in England, that King Henry VII had an idea. King Henry knew that the wars had left his country with a great number of disabled veterans. But King Henry, most unfortunately, simply could not envision disabled veterans being able to hold a job or contribute to society. So King Henry VII passed some landmark legislation.

He proclaimed that begging in the streets be legal for people with disabilities. So into the streets, with their "cap in hand", went King Henry's disabled veterans, to beg for money. And so, they say, originated the term "handicap". Today we know that King Henry VII was wrong. Disabled veterans, and all people with disabilities, can and do hold jobs and contribute to society, when given the opportunity.

Upcoming Observances

**Martin Luther King, Jr.
OBSERVANCE DAY**

15 January 2008 / 1130-1300
AUDIE MURPHY CLUB, FORT LEONARD WOOD, MO.

Festive Music!!
Free appetizers!!
Educational Information!!
Poetry & Art Contest Winners Will be Announced!!!
EVENT IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Sponsored by Garrison Command
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Today people with disabilities have civil rights and are protected from discrimination, so that they *can* get jobs, buy goods, and do their part. And